



The Charleroi Christian

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello First Christian Church Family!

Welcome to our June newsletter.

Ephesians 3:20 NLT

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Take this scripture to heart and allow it to minister to the spirit within you. WOW! The majority of us, if not all of us have imagined how we see things in our lives. Imagine are God, who is able to do so much more. We MUST believe and in trust him and his word.

During the month of May at First Christian Church we honored our Mother's as well as all the women for Mother's Day. All the women who attended service received a beautiful gift.

We had an "AWESOME" fellowship brunch/lunch on Sunday May 21st after service. It was successful as the men honored the women of the church and community. First Christian Church will have another brunch/lunch on Sunday June 25th after service. The women are excited and will honor the men of the church and community. You can expect another great fellowship with lots of tasty foods.

We invite you to come visit and fellowship with us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dennis J. Stitch

GRADUATE SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 – Congratulations to Remington Lessman, a graduate of Ringgold High School. We are very proud of you. God bless!!!

NEW MEMBERS - Welcomed to our church family on June 14, 2023 was Lawrence and Theodora Harris and Mary Ann Hunt. We are so very blessed.

Our God is so amazing and He has brought us through a difficult time. Through the grace of God and His son Jesus Christ, we will reach great heights.

"I am the Lord, and I do not change."-Malachi 3:6 NLT



Tithes and offerings

A STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

PLEASE REMEMBER:

JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE AT CHURCH ON A GIVEN SUNDAY, THE

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LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, THE FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONERS ARE STILL IN USE, THE CUSTODIAN HAS CLEANED THE CHURCH, AND THE BILLS STILL NEED TO BE PAID. SO, IF YOU HAPPEN TO MISS A SUNDAY (OR THREE OR FOUR SUNDAYS) **PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR PLEDGE/OFFERING.**

THANK YOU!

Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'" **In tithes and offerings!!** -Malachi 3:8



MOVIE NIGHT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 7 P.M. – SOCIAL HALL, EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

THANKS TO MALCOLM CALLERY, A MOVIE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. COME AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL HALL. If you have a favorite DVD movie or a suggestion for Malcolm, please let him know.

Our next movie will be presented on **Friday, June 16, 2023!!!**

FATHER'S DAY: Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Many people send or give cards or gifts to their fathers. There can be many male figures that are the best example as a father. Our best father figure is our Lord and Savior. God's love for us keeps us going from day to day and His scriptures answer many of our concerns. It is so easy to get caught up in the hum drum days of being too busy to read your devotionals or open your bible; however, start first thing in the morning and your day will start off a lot better. Please give our Lord the love and respect He deserves and give Him a prayer of thanksgiving.

CWS TOOL SUNDAY OFFERING - JUNE 18, 2023: This offering will help families around the world have the tools they need to build a better life for their families. This year's theme is "BEE THE CHANGE." "For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." (Psalm 107:9)

BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Amanda Spina
June 7	Cora Russell
June 10	Mary Lou Lachman
June 11	Valerie Stitch
June 15	Michael Rusak
June 17	Austin J. Murphy
June 18	Aaron Spina
June 20	Wil Weaver
June 21	Kristin Blair
June 22	Connie Tabory and Lawrence Harris
June 26	Juliana Kitzmiller
June 27	Mark Brightwell



ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Harold & Sandy Cramer
June 8	Sherry & Mickey Polinski
June 10	Dennis & Sherry Caldwell
June 18	Michael & Connie Tabory
June 28	Bob & Taryn Grant

ELDERS' FOR JUNE COMMUNION



June 4	Mary Valla Debbie Colvin
June 11	Thomas Griffith Taryn Grant
June 18	Debbie Caldwell Dennis Caldwell
June 25	Diane Rusak Paula Barndollar

ELDER'S PRAYER

Summer fun begins!

Summer is arriving, compelling us into creation's beauty and bounty.

Many children are graduating and embarking on the next chapter of their lives. May God teach them contentment even as they strive for advancement. Long and warm days will bring fun along with relaxation. Guide us along the way sweet Jesus. Help us to pursue wise choices and give us strength to withstand the pressure of the world. Help us to fill our lives with things that glorify the Lord. In moments of quietness may we feel the Lord's presence.

So, sit back and pour yourself a cold glass of lemonade and maybe have a slice of watermelon. Maybe go to a ballgame and enjoy a warm evening with a slight breeze. See the beauty in your life!

Gracious and loving Jesus, we thank you for the gift of summertime. May the warmth of the sun and the beauty of the season remind us daily of your love and may we enjoy every minute! In Jesus' name we pray AMEN.

Elder, Debbie Colvin

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * Mason DeSidudes – 4 year old with stage 3 neuroblastoma. Mass is between bladder & prostate. Chemo starts May 30 with 4-5 rounds then surgery to remove tumor.
- * Ken Whitson – Margie's brother-in-law diagnosed with Parkinson's. Requested by: Margie
- * Austin J. Murphy –serious fall and lost a lot of blood. Will be transferred to nursing home. Requested by: Pastor and Valerie Stich.
- * Coworker's son who experienced a serious injury during a baseball game. Next few weeks will determine if surgery is needed. Requested by Katie Valla.
- * Mike Lee – ongoing health concerns. Requested by George Hogan
- * Friend of Taryn's daughter is having health issues. Requested by Taryn
- * Debbie Caldwell experiencing several health issues. Spent a couple days in Mon Valley Hospital. Will have some medication changes. She thanks her son Jamey for getting home to our hospital.
- * Shelby Kostelac who is dealing with many health concerns relating to cancer. He is 46 yrs. old. Please pray for Shelby, wife Jessie and daughter Olivia. Requested by: Kristin Colvin
- * Rich Graham from Laurelview isn't doing very well
- * Kathy Latour's cancer has returned and she has to start chemo again.
- * Joan (Joni) Caldwell, Jim's sister-in-law, had a stroke with left sided partial paralysis. Pray for healing and rehabilitation.
- * John Robin "Sluggo" Leonard had a reaction (hives) to a new chemotherapy drug they administered. Requested by: Paula
- * Pastor's Aunt Alice Hymen is in the hospital and her daughter Donna is also ill.
- * Bill Krutz and all the patients on his floor have COVID.
- * Pastor Andrew Roberts, friend of Pastor Dennis from San Antonio, TX, had open heart surgery on Thursday May 25.
- * Margie's great nephew had a seizure while waiting to have a test. The test had to be delayed. This is his second seizure. Prayers are needed. Requested by: Margie
- * Deanna Shingleton (Cheryl's daughter & Kristin's sister) who has liver cancer. Pray that the surgery goes well.
- * Update: Harvey Dunmeyer has been placed on hospice care. Please hold him and his family up in your prayers.

* ALL VETS that served during the Vietnam War which officially ended on April 30, 1975. God bless those who served and God's grace for those who died. Thank a Vet today! Requested by: Tom Griffith

Under Long-Term Care

<i>Our Leaders*</i>	<i>Marlene Celaschi*</i>	<i>Sophia Renk*</i>
<i>Our Troops*</i>	<i>Ellis & Darla White*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Bill & Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Sherry Ballentyne*</i>
<i>Grace Vandernitte*</i>	<i>Father Bob Hanna*</i>	<i>Kristin Colvin*</i>
<i>Justin Sutch*</i>	<i>Missy Pendleton*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Helen Gootee*</i>	<i>Grethen & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Lila Risch*</i>	<i>Alicia Hruby*</i>	<i>Sarah Matay*</i>
<i>Bertha Zollars*</i>	<i>Jack Sharp*</i>	<i>Gage Peters*</i>
<i>Lois Buberniak*</i>	<i>Hannah Simpson*</i>	<i>Cindy Buckley*</i>
<i>Michael Erdely*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>	<i>Dave & Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Patty Strychalski*</i>	<i>Mike Shingleton*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Richard Evans*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Tony & Judy Gaisbacher*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Mary Jo Short*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Sam & Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Harvey Dunmeyer*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse & Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Connie Siranni*</i>
<i>Rudy Guy*</i>	<i>Matt Sezawich*</i>	<i>Senia Lowther*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Rev. Doug Bush*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Betty Draganac*</i>	<i>Rich Graham*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>
<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>	<i>Harvey Dunmeyer*</i>	<i>Jane Odroneic*</i>

EVANGELISM – Margie D'Antonio

There were 12 prayer letters sent last month.

These prayer letters are always available in the narthex for you to sign and to put a name in the notebook for someone to get the prayer letter. You can call Margie at 724-239-2560 with a request, too!

Thank you to Harold and Sandy Cramer for the awesome outdoor clean-up around the pavilion! And, thank you for the cold beverages that you share with your church secretary. You both are so kind. God bless!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ~ John 3:16 NKJV

HONORING ALL MEN POT LUCK LUNCH, JUNE 25: The wonderful and awesome ladies of the church will be hostesses for this lunch. Please bring a covered dish to share and join us in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. It will be a great day!

DATES FOR CAMP LAURELVIEW

- Chi Rho – June 18-June 24 (incoming 7th, 8th and 9th)
- CYF Conference – June 25-July 1 (10th grade – New Grad.)
- Family Camp - July 6-9
- Junior Camp - 16-22 (4th, 5th and 6th)
- Mini Camp - July 23-26 (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade)

*****Reminder from Cora** – There is a **supply list for camp** on the white table in the narthex. Please bring supplies to the Sunday school office by Saturday, June 17. Contact Cora if you have any questions (724-344-9803). Specific instructions are available.

*****Reminder from Cora** – **Cookie baking morning** here at FCC at 9 AM. If you can help Cora that day please let her know A.S.A.P. So far, only one person has signed up to help. These cookies will be delivered on Sunday, June 18.

WV DISCIPLES WOMEN 2023 RETREAT - RIPLEY, WV – September 8-10, 2023
Register at www.surveymonkey.com/DWRETREAT23

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS - CHARLEROI UNITED METHODIST CLOTHING/SHOE DRIVE + TOWELS/WASHCLOTHS: Many in our area are in need of the above items. You may delivery your items to the church on Thursdays from 11 AM – 2 PM or Pastor Randy will come to pick-up these items if transportation is a problem for you. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Psalm 13:5

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Psalm 103:13

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Proverbs 23:24

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Proverbs 16:9

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 20:7

The righteous who walks in his integrity — blessed are his children after him!